The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR...

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ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

Now that I have your attention, don't forget to vote for the candidate of your choice. Your selection of club officer will determine the direction that the club will take for the coming couple of years.

Please fill out your ballot and mail it or hand deliver it to the club secretary.

While we are on the subject of club officers, it has been my pleasure to serve on the RCT Board of directors for two terms. I am not running for re-election because job related travel and work is making it too difficult for me to fulfill the obligations of the RCT BOD.

Thanks to all the folk who voted for me in the past, and I think that the time will come when I may be called to serve again, probably in another capacity.

(Shameless self promotion!)

On another subject …

CALLING ALL ELMERS!

We are thinking about reviving the "Elmers board on the "Loggers Bark". If you are interested in helping out and sharing your radio knowledge, please send an E-mail to the "Loggers Bark" at g dot m dot mcadams at comcast dot net. Sorry for the munged address, it is necessary to foil the net-bots scouring the internet for valid E-mail addresses'

In the E-mail indicate what your area of interest/expertise is, be it antennas, contesting, shack layout, education, towers, basic electronics, Morse Code, or general topics.

If enough of you sign up, we will re-instate the "Elmers Board" in the Loggers Bark". However, all respondents should be aware that signing up will mean that folks might actually call you and ask for help! Be prepared!
73 Gary

Board Meeting minutes.
3 October, 2007

The 3 October Board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. Jill Palmer K7JIL called the meeting to order at. 7:40

Officers and board members present:
Vice President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Alan Lentz – W7AML
Board Member: Peter Baker – AD7EU
Board Member:Nick Winter – K7MO

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 16 names on the attendance roster.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The minutes of the 5 September Board meeting were approved as disseminated.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: In addition to the normal newsletters, QSL cards, utility bills, and bank statements, we are receiving many Salmon Run Pledge contributions. Of particular note was an IRS notice that we, along with all 501 (3) (c) non profit organizations will be required to submit an e-file version of the EZ990 form. We have also received a request to update our Charitable Solicitation registration with Washington State.

A copy of the correspondence log is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG provided a review of the Club's financial activity over the past month as well as the monthly financial statement. Gary advises we need to discuss our present CD and determine a future course of action for long term investing.

Bills were presented and approved for payment from Shirley Murphy N7NHW in the amount of $ 163.20 for binding of two volumes of the RCT BARK for years 1989 through 1993; and Bob Heselberg K7MXE for garage door replacement keys.

A copy of the Monthly financial statement is attached to the original copy of the minutes.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Jill K7JIL reported Gwen Root N7NES is at home recovering from surgery and a card has been sent. Larry KD4VOM reported a message from a friend of the club, Dudley Phillips G4UFH, who has recently experienced heart problems and is scheduled for upcoming surgery. Linda Adams KE7FKX reports her mother Bernice is also recovering from surgery at home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Rick Rose KE7EMW reports membership at 290, which is about on par with previous years

Hamfest: Linda Adams KE7FKX reports that the Hamfest accounting is nearing completion with a couple of bills remaining to be paid and a final report is pending. All present congratulated Linda on a job well done…

Linda points out that we should begin planning for next year early and suggested the Planning Team host a 2008 Hamfest planning meeting to establish a planning calendar. Linda recommends we look for an alternative for the tables since the vendor this year raised his rental rates. Linda remains willing to handle the Hamfest accounting and related tasks but cannot continue as the overall Hamfest Manager.

Rick KE7EMW noted that we should secure the Bethel Jr. High as soon as possible for next year. Linda suggested that we also consider some of the seminars and features that surfaced too late for incorporation into this year's event.

W7DK at the Fair: Pat Wingerter WT7N reports on yet another successful fair booth activity. She submitted her expense reimbursement for $ 244.88 which was moved and approved for payment by the board.

All present thanked Pat and her team for another outstanding job.

Nomination Committee: Mick Pier KK7QS reports that there are three candidates for the Vice President position, one for Secretary and three candidates for the board positions. The search for qualified candidates continues and especially for the board positions. If interested, please contact Roger Terwilliger, WA7ANJ, Mick Pier KK7QS or Harry Adams W7HSA. The Board concurred in continuing to provide candidate statements and photos to be included in the Ballot mailing and also in the BARK. Mick also pointed out that the Election committee is responsible for mailing the ballots and that the

Election committee is appointed following the conclusion of the Nomination process at the 10 October meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Salmon Run: Al Ferguson, N7OMS provided a brief summary of the Salmon Run pledge drive he estimates we have about 60% of our pledges in now. Larry KD4VOM reports that so far our pledged amount is over four thousand dollars and the actual received amount is over three thousand dollars. A detailed report will be provided after all of the outstanding call list data is accounted for. Al N7OMS plans an article in the BARK summarizing the Salmon Run operations and providing information for those who have not yet sent in their pledges. The idea of sending a post card as a reminder to those who've pledged was also well received. Rick KE7EMW suggested we use the Club's e-mail notices to get the word out as well. We have around 240 members with e-mail capability.

Nick K7MO reported a planned Salmon Run down program which would include their excursion to Asotin County would be the subject of a future program.

There followed a discussion of the Facilities repair, maintenance and improvement process. Al N7OMS has been in discussions with several to begin the process of identifying, prioritizing and planning for needed repairs. It was stressed that we must clearly get started using the money raised from the Salmon Run to make the needed repairs and maintenance.

Steve Blacksten KD7UBE volunteered to head up the Facilities maintenance team for six months.

The Trailer Offer: Steve asked for and received confirmation on accepting the free, titled recreation trailer offered to the club. He will make arrangements to get the trailer which will be evaluated after receipt to determine the best use, either for an operations station, or just for storage or gear transportation.

Club Station Operations: Nick Winter K7MO reports that increased work commitments at KPLU over the next two years will severely limit his availability, but that he and Bob Purdom AD7LJ (on his return from vacation) will move the 2 meter system.

NEW BUSINESS:

Program Manager: Nick K7MO announced that with regret and because of his increased commitments to KPLU he would no longer be able to manage the clubs Programs. During the discussion that followed, the difficulty of planning and delivering two programs a month was considered, and the general consensus of those present was that we should only plan a program for the one regular meeting a month and use our traditional second monthly meeting for Rag Chew or general discussion.

Jill asked Nick to prepare a description of the duties and responsibilities of the Program Manager so that anyone assuming that responsibility will have a starting point. Nick noted that frequently the programs presented by other organizations are on a quid pro quo basis…

Volunteers will be solicited for the Program Managers position through the BARK, website and at Meetings.

Facilities Management: As a result of the success of our Salmon Run Pledge Drive, we now have funds to begin the maintenance and repair of our Clubhouse and related facilities. The discussion included a dialog about what kinds of projects were included; such as replacing the roof, soffits, loose gutters and others. It became clear that we needed someone to manage the activity and Steve Blacksten KD7UBE volunteered to head the Facilities Management effort for a period of six months. Al N7OMS has already spoken to several folks interested in the work. Larry KD4VOM recommended a process that includes inspection, identification and prioritizing needed work, and then developing the materials, labor, tools, skills and cost estimates for each project. Once that's done, we should poll club members to see if any of our needs can be met in house, thus conserving limited financial resources for those projects we cannot do in-house.

A team should be formed of folks with facilities maintenance and repair experience and interest to accomplish the planning.

Rick KE7EMW pointed out that fall is upon us and the weather is getting worse… We need to act promptly to avoid further deterioration or damage.

Classroom Tables Renovation: Frank AC7JY offered to complete the replacement tops for the last two classroom tables. The cost would be for materials, principally plywood and estimated by Frank at around $ 60.00. The Board moved and passed authorization for Frank to replace the tops of the last two tables in the classroom.

Bylaws: Larry KD4VOM reports that Al K7HW has produced a stack of RCT Bylaws for use by members needing them. They will be made available at the meetings.

Meanwhile, Rick KE7EMW continues to work on the New Member Package which will include the Bylaws and Standing Rules among other key documents made available to new members.

Excess Computer Equipment: Larry KD4VOM sought and the Board approved disposal/recycling of the remaining excess computer gear in the classroom. Al Burleson K7HW offered to remove the gear from the clubhouse before this weeks Technician Class.

RCT Wireless Network and Internet Operations: Larry KD4VOM tabled the problems the club is experiencing with its wireless networking system. Steve AD7AB believes the problem to be associated with the switch, but thus far all attempts to fix the problem have failed. Rick KE7EMW pointed out that this problem has essentially brought down both the IRLP and Packet system as well as the internal wireless network. Dick Ohls K7ITX Reports that he has experienced a similar problem which ultimately required a firmware fix. Steve AD7AB's time is limited due to his work schedule and it was recommended that we hold an ad hoc meeting this coming Saturday in an effort to work the problem and get things working again. There are several club members with IT abilities and experience. We should be careful to keep informed all who use or maintain related systems in the process of troubleshooting and solving the problem.

Copy Machine Status: Mick Pier KK7QS has advised John Clarke AC7WW that the copier fuser unit is worn out and needs replacement. Mick said he estimated the cost at around $ 100.00, and that he has not yet billed us for the last set of toner cartridges. Mick reminded us that the Club is only charged for materials, not the labor. In the discussion that followed, we explored the cost of a possible used, but newer replacement and Mick estimated that at around $ 2,000.00 but for a digital machine that has far more capabilities than our present machine, and even capable of being part of the RCT local network. The Board seconded and passed a motion to authorize the cost of the repair and toner cartridges. There was also a discussion of the club's use of external copy contracts, e.g., Kinko's, Costco, etc. relative to the cost of in house copy work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Pot Luck: Jill K7JIL has set Saturday 27 October for the Fall Potluck. She has invitations ready to go and the focus will be on honoring our Lifetime and Honorary members as well as recognizing the Hamfest volunteers and of course enjoy a game or two and some pot luck potables. The Board pre-approved the postage for mailing the invitations.

Jill is seeking assistance with the Potluck, decorating, setup, etc.

Frank AC7JY plans to take photos of our honorary and life members in order to create a permanent laminated membership card for them.

Scouting Camporee: Steve KD7UBE is supporting the 20 October Scouting Camporee at the Equestrian Center near Tenino/Rainier. He is particularly seeking club members to come on the 20th with their gear for demonstration of amateur radio gear and operations. Steve has maps for anyone wishing to help this important community service project.

Equipment Donations: Larry KD4VOM reviewed the recent crop of equipment donations, which included over 130 items from the estate of Silent Key N7HKS Ralph Bush, Gear from Stuart Arestad W7OQQ, Glen Muir WA6RQW, and Ron Renwick KE7EWH

Planning Team: Nick K7MO's additional workload commitments will also preclude his participation in the Planning Team, and he regretfully must resign that position as well.

Discussion Topics:

Classroom Clutter: Larry KD4VOM reported on the letter from Shirley Murphy N7NHW on the deplorable condition of the classroom for the September VE session.

The letter is available for anyone interested in reviewing it. The Secretary has prepared and sent an apology and response to Shirley, John Clarke AC7WW and Steve Morton AD7AB.

General meeting minutes
10 October, 2007

The 10 October Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson -- AD7FF
Vice President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Alan Lentz –W7AML
Board Member: Peter Baker – AD7EU

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 55 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Randy Thompson AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self introductions were completed with several new and upgraded hams congratulated.

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Jill K7JIL reports a card is ready for Linda Adams KE7FKX's mother who is recovering from surgery and Al Burleson told Jill that Dudley Philips is SCHEDULED for upcoming surgery.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reported the usual bank statements, utility bills, and QSL cards. We also have a request from the State to update our Charitable Contributions Statement, and several Salmon Run Pledges continue to come in.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

The Treasurer's report was available for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jill Palmer – K7JIL/Rick Rose – KE7EMW No report

Training Report: Steve Morton AD7AB reports a large class of 17 attended last weekend's Technician license course. One couple came all the way from Vancouver to attend the course.

VE Report: John Clarke AC7WW reported handling 22 candidates at last Tuesday's VE session. 41 license elements were graded with 22 being passed. Only one candidate did not leave with either a new license or upgrade. We had a twelve year old young man from Bellevue pass the Technician's exam. Fifteen new Technicians joined the Amateur ranks, Three General and Three Extra Class licenses were earned. A special thanks to the volunteer examiners for making this possible; Harry W7HSA, Joe W7RQ, Steve KD7UBE, Jon AD7AW, Rich KK7VH, Bill AB7WJ, Jim N7RHX, Steve AD7AB and Don, K7QLC

Nominating Committee Report: Roger Terwilliger WA7ANJ, Chairman of the Nominating committee explained the nomination process and presented the nominees for this year's elections.

For Vice President:

Jill Palmer K7JIL
Rick Rose KE7EMW
Al Churchill AC7BU

After three calls for additional Vice President Nominations from the floor, there were none.

For Secretary

Larry Watson KD4VOM

After three calls for additional Secretary Nominations from the floor, there were none.

For Board positions 1, 3 and 5

Frank Palmer, AC7JY
Jay Leatham KD7DKY
Steven Klinko WB2LKI
Gary Kohtala K7EK
Alan Hughes KB7SVU

After three calls for additional Board Nominations from the floor, there were three

Al Burleson K7HW
Rich Manson N7ANF
Steve Blacksten KD7UBE

Motion was made, seconded and carried to close the nominations.

Election Committee Appointment:

President Randy AD7FF announced the Election Committee Appointments

Pat Wingerter WT7N - Chairperson

Chuck Kemmer AC7QN

John Clarke AC7WW

Rich Patrick KR7W

Worth Gurley W7WG

The candidates were encouraged to submit statements and photos in support of their candidacy to the Election Committee for inclusion in the ballot package. These are not mandatory, but helpful to the membership in making their choices for office. In order to insure inclusion, program statements and photos must be received by the Election Committee by 15 October. Mail, Direct or E-mail are acceptable.

Al Ferguson N7OMS took photos of candidates available at the meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Program Manger: Randy AD7FF announced the departure of Nick Winter K7MO from the Program Manager's position as a result of a major increase in his workload at KPLU as they plan and construct a new station at Parkland. Nick's hours have doubled and he will be unable to continue the Program Manager's job.
Randy solicited volunteers to pick up this valuable club activity as well as ideas and recommendations for future programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jamboree On The Air: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE reminded the membership that the Scouts are conducting their annual Jamboree on 19, 20 and 21 October. Steve is heading up the Radio Club of Tacoma support for the Camporee near Rainier/Tenino. He will be setting up a station, and is asking for volunteers to join the crew on the 20th to bring Amateur Radio gear and demonstrate its use. Steve has maps and directions.

Fall Potluck: Jill K7JIL reminded the membership that we are having a special Fall Potluck to especially honor our lifetime and honorary members as well as to recognize those who worked with this year's Hamfest. All are welcome. Jill could use help with decorations, and needs volunteers to bring a meat dish, Ham, etc. If you can help, contact Jill.

North Kitsap Swap meet: Worth, W7WG reminded the membership that North Kitsap hams are having their annual fest at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds this Saturday the 13th. We have for years taken antique radio equipment to demonstrate and this year the plan is to take a really old crystal set. Several club members are assisting in this traditional event. They plan to meet at the Club at 7:30 on Saturday and leave for the swap meet.

Discussion Topics:

Salmon Run: Al N7OMS thanked everyone for the outstanding Salmon Run Pledge drive. We managed to make 37 of 39 county contacts and many have already honored their pledges. If you haven't yet, send the pledge to the Club's postal address:
PO Box 11188, Tacoma WA 98411, Checks payable to "The Radio Club of Tacoma" for Salmon Run… We've received over three thousand dollars so far and over four thousand has been pledged…

Hints, Kinks Tuning and Traffic:

Worth W7WG reported keeping the schedule with K7OKS who was operating from VE3 (Ontario province) on 80 meters, but although Lynn could hear us, we weren't able to hear Lynn.

Sweepstakes: Al Williams W7PUC reminded all, especially the newly licensed and upgraded hams of the big Sweepstakes contesting coming up. It's a great opportunity to get involved in the hobby and enjoy the thrill of contesting.

The CW Sweepstakes happens on the first weekend in November (3/4) and the SSB Phone Sweepstakes is on the third weekend in November (17/18).

Chuck AC7QN reported loading up the metal frame on his pickup recently on 20 meters and using 10 watts contacted a ham in San Diego…

Al Lentz N7AML reported a contact with Taiwan braving and succeeding in the contact through a big pileup.

Door Prize:

Jon Hamilton AD7AW donated 155 feet of 75 ohm coax for tonight's door prize. The prize was won by Morrie, KD7GUE

General Meeting Minutes
24 October, 2007

The 24 October Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Randy Thompson AD7FF called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Officers and board members present:

President: Randy Thompson -- AD7FF
Vice President: Jill Palmer – K7JIL
Secretary: Larry Watson -- KD4VOM
Treasurer: Gary McFadden – K7UPG
Board Member: Alan Lentz –W7AML
Board Member: Nick Winter – K7MO

A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached. There were 39 names on the attendance roster.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Was led by President Randy Thompson AD7FF

INTRODUCTIONS:

Self Introductions were completed

ILLNESS OR SILENT KEY:

Rick Rose KE7EMW has been researching for Club members who are now Silent Keys and had discovered two. Janet Martha Paterson KK7BH became a Silent Key on 30 May this year and E Miles Murphy K7ENS a Silent Key on 27 June this year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Larry Watson – KD4VOM

Correspondence: Larry reported the usual club newsletters and receipt of 35 Election Ballots by mail and around 10 delivered in person tonight.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gary McFadden – K7UPG

The Financial Report was available for review…

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Jill Palmer – K7JIL, Rick Rose KE7EMW reported that our current membership stands at 292

Committee: There were no other committee reports

PROGRAM: Nick Winter – K7MO

Nick K7MO discussed the Club's Award Certificates program and presented background and history of the Club's Logger's Certificate which is available to all amateurs who have contacted ten other club members. This program was initiated in April of 1957 and to date has awarded over six hundred and seventy certificates. In recent years Nick had fallen behind in maintaining the program but now has brought things up to date and tonight presented a Logger's Certificate to Diane W7SIM, and has certificates also for Peter AD7EU and Anna K7ANA. Steve KD7UBE was presented with 4 endorsements.

Nick also recalled the 1950's Popular Electronics magazine articles featuring Carl and Jerry and his fond memories of reading them. Although the author John T Frye, W9EGV is now a Silent Key, K7JPD has acquired the rights to re publish these interesting stories.

The second part of tonight's program was presented by Alan Hughes KB7SVU, Lifetime member, who is the Pierce County communications coordinator for next years' Tall Ships event.

This popular event draws huge crowds and is planned for July 3 through 8 next year in Tacoma. Pierce County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is seeking help with communications. Alan pointed out that volunteers must be qualified and hold a Pierce County DEM card. To qualify, candidates must complete the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) emergency management courses 100, 200 and 700, which can be accomplished on line through the FEMA site. There is plenty of time for anyone interested to get that done by July next year and that's the challenge Alan laid on the table to the membership. Alan will have applications available at the next regular meeting for those interested in this service project.

Alan also suggested that the Club might want to consider a Special Event Station to promote both Tall Ships and The Radio Club of Tacoma.

Communications support for the event will include UHF handhelds, three marine frequencies and an amateur television, as well as the DEM's Mach 1 Incident Command Vehicle.

Nick, K7MO thanked Alan for the presentation

and noted that Alan is very active in the "Tower" business. Alan mentioned that he has a fairly large supply of Rhone 25 tower sections and multiple antennas he has acquired from estates and other sources.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None:

NEW BUSINESS:

Offer of Travel Trailer: Steve Blacksten KD7UBE reported the offer of a 23 foot Fireball Travel trailer to the club by Bill AD7QI. This trailer is about 30 years old, currently titled and licensed and Bill has offered to keep the trailer on his property.

Steve presented the background on a previous trailer offer which he had located through a Park Ranger, and which the Board had previously approved for him to acquire. Steve presented Bill's offer tonight as an addition and/or alternative to the previously approved acquisition and noted that he had made several calls to his Ranger contact which have gone unanswered.

There was considerable discussion by the membership present, and questions were raised about what would we do with the trailer, how would it be outfitted, for what purposes, what would be the costs of maintaining and keeping it in good repair and similar questions. Several members rose to make clear that the recommendation to move the proposal to the Board was not a rejection of the offer, and that the Club was appreciative of Bill's offer to donate the trailer to the Club.

There was a motion made, seconded and carried; to refer the issue to the Club Board of Directors for evaluation and the Board to make their recommendations on the proposed donation to the membership. A motion was made, seconded and passed: to amend the initial motion to establish a two week limit on the Board's time to consider the proposal and make its recommendations to the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fall Potluck: Jill K7JIL reminded folks that the Fall Potluck is coming up this Saturday, and encouraged all to attend and help us honor our Lifetime and Honorary members who will be guests of honor. This event will honor and thank those who worked to make this year's Hamfest a success. Jill noted that we could use another meat dish if someone can help here, contact Jill…

Discussion Topics:

Club Programs: Jill K7JIL led a discussion and round table on the Club's Program activities. One focus of this discussion was to solicit feedback from the membership on their views on the club programs activity. Should we have two programs a month, or go to one program and use the second meeting for Rag Chewing or for a discussion on a specific topic, e.g., your favorite contact or experience in Ham Radio. Several rose to join the discussion and the consensus seemed to be to continue the programs at every meeting where possible and accept the reality that we may not be able to field a formal program for every meeting.

A second focus of the discussion sought volunteers to manage the Club's programs. Several recommended we create a committee instead of one person to manage the programs. Ken Gibson N7ELF Volunteered to serve as co-chair of a program committee if others would step up to join the group. Ken also recommends an annual plan to help organize our program planning. Al Williams K7PUC circulated a paper outlining three program ideas he would be willing to present, and solicited others to offer up programs that they could present.

Tuning and Traffic: Worth reminded the group that Rich Patrick KR7W is maintaining a CW schedule nightly at 7pm on 7050 MHz. There have been contacts, but there has been a fair amount of QRM as well…

Door Prize:

A Pot Pouri of PL 259 coax connectors, alligator clips and quick disconnect power connectors was won by Dennis KA7IIO.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm

Salmon Run Wrap-up
Al, N7OMS

It has never been clearer to me what a great members we have.

It seems like just a few weeks ago that I E-mailed Larry - KD4VOM with the idea for the Salmon Run fund raiser to present to the board. A project like this cannot be done by one person and this is a good time to say THANK YOU. Many people stepped up and made this work, helping make many, many phone calls, building the call list, getting the station up to speed, working the contest from the clubhouse and many other efforts.

We had a great time doing these things. One story that sticks in my mind is Jill and Frank packing up at the last minute to do a little portable work from two of the counties that are none too easy to get to for Salmon Run. According to Frank- AC7JY, once they got their station set up, with a little help from an ARRL officer, Jill -K7JIL got on the air and started a pile up. Frank never stood a chance of getting the mike back from her after that. Next time you see either one of them get further details, it's a neat story.

Of course anytime you have three or more Hams in one place you almost always see food. Salmon Run at the clubhouse was no exception. Thanks to all who brought food for the pot -luck.

When this all began, I admit to being nervous on many levels. The only fund raising I'm familiar with is the check writing part and Sue, my wife, does that. For me the need for the funds is clear. Working on the inventory team and helping with the kitchen remodel have gotten me into most places in the clubhouse and some are not pretty to see.

I wondered, does the rest of the membership see those needs and are they ready to step forward and see them fixed? Will they give if we ask? It felt in the beginning that I was sitting on a tree limb playing with a running chain saw. I'm out of the tree and wish to thank the membership for their donations. We now have some funds to make things better at our clubhouse. Have ideas how the money should be used? Write them up and bring them to a board meeting. Have some tools that need a little exercise? Continue to read the Bark for future volunteer opportunities. It looks like we are going to raise a little over $4,000 and with volunteer labor that money will go much further.

Again, thanks to all who helped and to all who gave. It was pretty scary in that tree!

Editor's note:

Yeah, that's me running the mighty W7DK during Salmon run! It was a good test of the station, and our ability to "Reach out and touch someone!"

VE REPORT John AC7WW

It was a rainy Tuesday evening on October 9th when 22 candidates and 10 volunteer examiners gathered at the Radio Club of Tacoma's clubhouse. The VE's graded 41 elements with 22 being passed. Only one candidate did not leave with either a new license or an upgrade. We had a twelve year old young man from Bellevue pass the Technician exam. Fifteen new Technicians joined the Amateur ranks, three General and three Extra class licenses were earned.

Thanks to the following volunteer examiners for their time:

Harry, W7HSA	Joe, W7RQ
Steve, KD7UBE	Jon, AD7AW
Rich, KK7VH	Bill, AB7WJ
Jim, N7RHX	Steve, AD7AB

Happy Birthday November

Day	Name	Call	RCT Number
7	Rich Patrick	**KR7W**	2172
8	Dave Richards	**N7DAR**	1577
8	Maury Kurtz	**KD7VJX**	2187
10	John Skinner	**KB7JJH**	1337
11	Carl Erickson	**KC7F**	2309
14	James McQueed Jr	**N7EFF**	2273
16	Kenneth Shattock	**KC7ZJC**	1986
18	Willie Bourlet	**W7NXK**	1098
21	Jeff Freedman	**K7JF**	1290
21	Jeff Smythe	**KB7QAG**	1143
21	Peter Baker	**AD7EU**	2221
24	Alan Hughes	**KB7SVU**	1567
24	Bruce Perrussel	**WB7TVS**	2297
24	Donald Drake	**KD7FEC**	2218
25	Sean Kelly	**W7SPK**	2347
26	Andrew Danisher	**W7RW**	748
27	Doug Eckler	**KE7CMF**	2295
27	Jack Bennett	**K7KKP**	2284
29	Jack Davis Sr	**W7IMW**	1318

Highlights from the 2007 Scout Jamboree from your "Reporter on the Scene"

Steve – KD7UBE really appreciates the neat people that showed up to help with this year's Jamboree on the Air which was held locally at the Equestrian Center (2 miles south of Rainier on highway 507.)

Bill – AD7QI (new Amateur Extra – formerly KE7MEI)
Jon – AD7AW
Chuck – KA7HJN
Harry – W7HSA
…and, of course, Steve – KD7UBE, himself

Together, the team set up two antennas – a homemade 20-meter folded dipole by AD7QI, and a 20/40/80 trapped dipole. They also had full access to a Screwdriver 10-80 (rumor has it that Steve has "connections.") Making the whole job a lot easier was a new "Golf Ball Antenna Gun" designed by Steve – KD7UBE and constructed by Bill – AD7QI and Steve – KD7UBE.

In a Ham-Nut-Shell…

The weather was LOUSY, the bands were GOOD, the kids were WET and went home early.

Perhaps best of all…

THEY WANT US BACK NEXT YEAR!

Golf Ball Cannon

Hold This While I Tie The Knot

Operating Station

Ready to Operate

The Radio Club of Tacoma's Logger's Bark

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TO RCT MEMBER:

NOVEMBER 2007 EVENTS

Club Meetings: Wednesdays November 14th and 28th at the library Administration building at 7:30 PM, 112th & Waller road. Everyone is invited to attend.

Board Meeting, Wednesday November 7th 7:30 PM at the. Clubhouse - All members welcome.

License Testing - Tuesday, November 13th 7:00 PM at the RCT clubhouse.

BARK deadline - Last week-end of every month.. PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.
- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.
- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB